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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to an application filed on 3/27/00. There are eighteen claims pending. Claims 1-10, 14, 15, and 28-33 are compound claims. The application concerns some dihydronaphthylene compounds.

Election/Restrictions

2. Consistent with the restriction made in parent application 09/533,680, restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 10, 14, 15, 28-33, and parts of claims 1-9, drawn to compounds where Y is pyridyl, classified in class 546, subclass 364, among others.
- II. Claims parts of 1-9, drawn to compounds where Y is thiophenyl, classified in class 549, subclass 68, among others.
- III. Claims parts of 1-9, drawn to compounds where Y is furanyl, classified in class 549, subclass 480, among others.
- IV. Claims parts of 1, 2, and 4-9, drawn to compounds where Y is pyridazinyl, classified in class 544, subclass 238.
- V. Claims parts of 1, 2, and 4-9, drawn to compounds where Y is pyrazinyl, classified in class 544, subclass 322.
- VI. Claims parts of 1, 2, and 4-9, drawn to compounds where Y is pyrazinyl, classified in class 544, subclass 405.

- VII. Claims parts of 1, 2, and 4-9, drawn to compounds where Y is thiazolyl, classified in class 548, subclass 192.
 - VIII. Claims parts of 1, 2, and 4-9, drawn to compounds where Y is oxazolyl, classified in class 548, subclass 234.
 - IX. Claims parts of 1, 2, and 4-9, drawn to compounds where Y is imidazolyl, classified in class 548, subclass 311.4.
 - X. Claims parts of 1, 2, and 4-9, drawn to compounds where Y is pyrazolyl, classified in class 548, subclass 364.4.
 - XI. Claims parts of 1, 2, and 4-9, drawn to compounds where Y is naphthyl, classified in class 564, subclass 429, among others.
3. Claim 3 link(s) inventions I-III. The restriction requirement among the linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim(s), claim 3. Upon the allowance of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be entitled to examination in the instant application. Applicant(s) are advised that if any such claim(s) depending from or including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) is/are presented in a continuation or divisional application, the claims of the continuation or divisional application may be subject to provisional

statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. *In re Ziegler*, 44 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

4. Claims 1, 2, and 4-9 link(s) inventions I-XI. The restriction requirement among the linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim(s), claims 1, 2, and 4-9. Upon the allowance of the linking claim(s), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be entitled to examination in the instant application. Applicant(s) are advised that if any such claim(s) depending from or including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) is/are presented in a continuation or divisional application, the claims of the continuation or divisional application may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. *In re Ziegler*, 44 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

5. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons: the core of the structure given in claim 1 is the ring Y. This aryl or

heterocyclic ring is a mandatory feature and ranges in size from five to ten atoms with multiple possible heteroatoms. These multiple claimed rings are chemically non-equivalent and are not art-recognized as sharing the same biological properties. Inventions I-XI have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, thus the patent search required for Group I is not co-extensive with that required for Groups II-XI. The basic names of these heterocycles differ, thus the literature search for these various species will be divergent. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

6. Should Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the different core rings are not patentably distinguishable, Applicants should identify such evidence now of record or submit any such evidence that shows the groups to be obvious variants. Such evidence may be used in a rejection under 35 USC 103(a) if the Examiner finds any of the Groups unpatentable over the prior art.

7. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

8. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

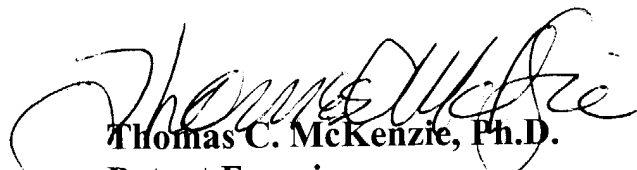
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10. Please direct any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner to Thomas C McKenzie, Ph. D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0670. The FAX number for amendments is (703) 872-9306. The PTO presently encourages all applicants to communicate by FAX.

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